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1. (Confidential - JGO) Talked to Mr. Bruce Merkle, Administrative Assistant to Representative William G. Bray (R., Ind.), concerning Mr. Bray's trip to Europe. Mr. Merkle evidenced some surprise that Mr. Bray had not mentioned his destination in conversations with me yesterday and Friday but noted that since it was purely a personal vacation and "getaway" trip for Representative Bray and his wife, that Mr. Bray may have felt that we did not want to be bothered with his personal affairs. Representative and Mrs. Bray left last evening from Dulles and are travelling to London, Rome, Tunis (for an educational visit to Carthage), and Madrid with a side visit to meet with friends in Madeira. They will be returning on 4 February. Mr. Merkle seemed certain that in keeping with Mr. Bray's past habits, he would be making very few, if any, official contacts during the trip and would not be requesting assistance of any kind from the Agency. Africa Division and the Office of DD/P have been advised.

25X1A 2. (Secret - JGO) [redacted], C/FE, accompanied
25X1A by Messrs. [redacted] met with Mr. William Woodruff, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and Mr. Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, as a follow-up to the briefing provided at the Headquarters on 18 December 1968. The briefing was an overview of the current situation in the Far East with some emphasis on the Philippines, [redacted] Korea, Vietnam, Laos, and was well received by both Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Michaels. [redacted] coverage of material of particular interest to both Messrs. Michaels and Woodruff on the various countries left very few questions for discussion at the conclusion of the 50 minute briefing.

25X6 Mr. Michaels noted, in passing, after the meeting that he does
25X1A not at this time foresee the requirement by the Chairman for meeting with the Director before the first of the month.

3. (Internal Use Only - CEA) Delivered a letter from Admiral Taylor to J.R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee.

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4. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. George Norris, House Armed Services Special Subcommittee on Sea Power, and responded to his questions concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] See Memorandum for the Record.

5. (Confidential - JGO) Talked to Mr. Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, and scheduled a briefing to be given by [REDACTED] C/FE, for Mr. Michaels and Mr. William Woodruff, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 January.

6. (Unclassified - RW) Mr. Joseph R. Fogarty, in the office of Senator John O. Pastore (D., R.I.), called to request an appointment for a personnel interview for [REDACTED] The appointment was made for 10:00 a.m. on 22 January with [REDACTED] Personnel, and Mr. Fogarty was advised.

7. (Secret - JMM) Called on Senator Charles Goodell (R., N. Y.) who indicated his support for the Agency candidate for an Arthur Fleming award. (Mr. Goodell is a member of the Selection Committee.)

8. (Unclassified - JMM) Over the weekend, encountered Representative James Cleveland (R., N. H.) at a social function who said he would like to visit the Agency and get a better understanding of some of its activities. He volunteered that he would be happy to round up and bring along some of his colleagues who had similar interest (although he made clear his lack of enthusiasm for a breakfast meeting).

9. (Secret - JMM) [REDACTED] and I called on William Woodruff, Assistant Chief Clerk of the Senate Appropriations Committee, whom I briefed on:

- a. Paris negotiations;
- b. Development of alternate ChiCom rail link to Hanoi;
- c. Recent failure of ChiCom leaders to show up together in public;
- d. Results of Soyuz 4 and 5 missions;
- e. Test firings of new short range missiles by Soviet C-Class submarines;
- f. Continued Soviet naval presence in Indian Ocean;
- g. Tensions in Czechoslovakia;
- h. [REDACTED]

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25X1A 10. (Secret - GLC) Messrs. Maury and [] met with Mr. Bill Woodruff, of the Senate Appropriations Committee staff. Arrangements were made for [] to provide Woodruff and Michaels with a briefing tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. in Michaels' office. This is a follow-up to Woodruff's and Michaels' meeting at the Agency in December on the budget.

The subject of the Pueblo came up in the course of our conversation. Woodruff said that Senator Russell was obviously very interested in this and would want to talk with the Director, at some time in the future, regarding the role of the DCI in such matters. We advised Woodruff that the Director was considering writing to Senator Russell inviting him to a luncheon at the Agency and suggested this might be an appropriate time for the Director and Senator Russell to discuss the Pueblo. Woodruff said he thought this was a good suggestion and certainly worth trying.

25X1A I advised Woodruff that our Director of Personnel was still reviewing the application of [] which had been referred to us by Woodruff. I told him that Mr. Wattles' initial reaction was that, although [] was obviously well qualified for the work he was doing for Senator Hayden, his background and experience had little to offer the Agency. In the absence of any other considerations, we could only consider him for some type of administrative position at a level no higher than grade 12. Woodruff said this was precisely what he wanted to know but it was agreed I would be in touch with him again when Mr. Wattles had had an opportunity to review the case further.

11. (Confidential - GLC) Met with Ed Braswell, who has been officially appointed to the position of Chief of Staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Charles Kirbow, of the Committee staff, with regard to Committee action on the appointment of Admiral Taylor to the rank of Vice Admiral on the retired list. They expect the Committee to act on Admiral Taylor's appointment and others at a Committee meeting this coming Thursday. If the Committee does approve the nomination on Thursday, it will probably go to the Senate floor for action on Friday.

Mr. Kirbow informed me that he is being considered for the position of Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Procurement. He also informed me that Mr. Frank Sanders, of the House Appropriations Committee staff, is also under consideration for that position.

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